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Mr. William Caton
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Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed are an original and nine copies of an Erratum to U S WEST's Comments filed on 7/23/97. Also enclosed is a diskette version of the corrected Comments. These Comments are being filed in response to the Notice of Inquiry in CS 97-141 released June 6, 1997. Please date stamp and return the duplicate copy provided with this filing.

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Sincerely,

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Annual Assessment of the Status of) CS Docket No. 97-141
Competition In the Market for the)
Delivery of Video Programming)

ERRATUM TO COMMENTS OF U S WEST, INC.

U S WEST, Inc. ("U S WEST") hereby submits this Erratum to its Comments filed herein on July 23, 1997. The Comments were responsive to the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") Notice of Inquiry concerning the status of competition in markets for the delivery of video programming.¹ The Erratum corrects a typographical error that occurred on page eight of the Comments.

On page eight, the last sentence (which carries over to page nine) currently reads as follows:

"As of June, 1997, MediaOne provides cable service to some 900,000 Dade County consumers and about 170,000 Broward County consumers in western, central and northeastern parts of Broward County."

The 900,000 figure is a typographical error; the correct figure is actually 90,000.

Attached to this Erratum is a corrected page eight (along with page nine,

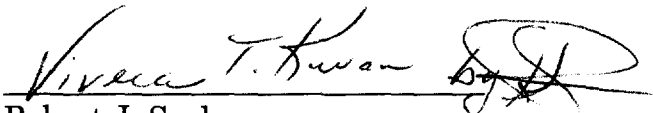
¹ In the Matter of Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in Markets for the Delivery of Video Programming, CS Docket No. 97-141, Notice of Inquiry, FCC 97-194, rel. June 6, 1997 ("NOI").


since the sentence with the correction spans both pages). U S WEST requests that the Commission discard the previously filed page eight (and nine) and substitute the correct page eight (and nine) into the hard copy version of its Comments. The corrected page eight (and nine) is marked "**CORRECTED**". Simultaneous with this filing, U S WEST also is serving a copy of this Erratum and the corrected page eight (and nine) on the parties that were served with a copy of its Comments on July 23, 1997. In addition, given that U S WEST also provided the Commission with a diskette containing an electronic version of its Comments, accompanying this Erratum is a new diskette that contains U S WEST's Comments, with the text on page eight revised to reflect the corrected figure of 90,000.

U S WEST regrets this inadvertent error and any inconvenience the filing of this Erratum may have caused the Commission and the recipients that received service copies.

Respectfully submitted,

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wireline technology, BellSouth plans to offer video outside the Interstate 285 loop. The wireless cable acquisition gives BellSouth immediate ownership of approximately 9,000 subscribers.¹³ BellSouth has announced plans to replace Wireless Cable's analog equipment with digital technology, which will be capable of delivering more than 100 channels. Given that the wireless signal has a 35-mile range and that there are currently five towers in place across the Atlanta metropolitan area, BellSouth projects it can reach about 900,000 households, which equates to about 80 percent of the homes in the market.¹⁴

In another development, Gwinnett County, Georgia, granted BellSouth a ten-year franchise in December, 1996, that authorizes service to the entire county. BellSouth is currently extending cable to new housing developments in Gwinnett County and is also preparing to offer digital MMDS in Atlanta that will extend to additional parts of Gwinnett County.¹⁵

In Florida, BellSouth has completed its purchase of the wireless service owned by National Wireless Holdings' South Florida Television, which also has the capability to provide video services over a 35-mile radius coverage area.¹⁶ This affects all of Dade County as well as the southern part of Broward County. As of June, 1997, MediaOne provides cable service to some 90,000 Dade County

¹³ "BellSouth Acquires Wireless Cable of Atlanta Video Services To Be Available to 900,000 Households," Yahoo PR Newswire, Feb. 12, 1997, 9:13 AM EDT.

¹⁴ Atlanta-Journal-Constitution, "BellSouth to Buy Cable TV Carrier," Feb. 13, 1997.

¹⁵ "Rifkin Rolls Out New Look, Plans and Services," Multichannel News, July 7, 1997, at 26.

consumers and about 170,000 Broward County consumers in western, central and northeastern parts of Broward County. The wireless service will establish a large footprint for BellSouth's competitive services and has the potential to completely overlay MediaOne's franchised area in Dade County.

Additionally, BellSouth recently acquired wireless cable operations from American Telecasting, Inc. in nine other Southern markets. This acquisition will enable BellSouth to provide wireless cable service in six additional Florida markets: Jacksonville, Orlando, Daytona Beach, Ft. Myers, Lakeland, and Bradenton, and also in Louisville, Kentucky.¹⁷ In two of these markets, Jacksonville and Ft. Myers, MediaOne currently provides cable services to about 309,000 customers. In all of these cases, BellSouth's strategy is to offer its customers multiple communications services, including cable, cellular and local telephone services, on a single bill.¹⁸

In southern California, Pacific Bell Video Services ("PacBell"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Telesis, is competing head-to-head with MediaOne and other cable providers for single family homes as well as multiple dwelling units. PacBell is using digital MMDS to deliver 150 channels covering the entire Los Angeles basin, including Orange County, an area of more than five million homes.¹⁹

¹⁶ CableFAX Daily, July 1, 1997.

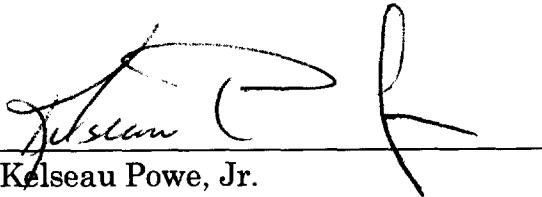
¹⁷ "BellSouth to Buy Wireless Cable Markets from American Telecasting," BellSouth News Release, Mar. 19, 1997.

¹⁸ "BellSouth Agrees to Buy Wireless Cable TV Services in Nine Southern Markets," Atlanta-Journal-Constitution, Mar. 20, 1997.

¹⁹ "Interview with Lee Camp," Inside Line News Bulletin, Sep. 27, 1995, at 3.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kelseau Powe, Jr., do hereby certify that on this 29th day of July, 1997, I have caused a copy of the foregoing **ERRATUM TO COMMENTS OF U S WEST, INC.** to be served via hand-delivery upon the persons listed on the attached service list.**



Kelseau Powe, Jr.

** The correction described in this Erratum is reflected in the version of U S WEST, Inc.'s July 23, 1997 Comments that is simultaneously re-submitted today to the Office of the Secretary of the FCC on a 3x5 inch diskette.

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